SENATE BILL 2576

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 5, Part 7, relative to directional signs for airports.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 5, Part 7, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§54-5-710. The department is directed to implement a directional signing program on the state's section of the national system of interstate and defense highways denoting airports located not more than ten (10) miles from such highway as follows:

- (1) All such airports providing service to five thousand (5,000) commercial passengers per day if such airport is located in a county having a population of more than one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census;
- (2) All such airports providing service to three thousand (3,000) commercial passengers per day if such airport is located in a county having a population of less than one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census; and
- (3) All such airports which are regional airports having at least a six thousand foot (6000') runway and fifty-eight (58) hangers, which serve as the prime staging area for regional disaster preparedness and relief, and provide full-time trauma hospital flight access service.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.